



HN1 "CIA 'THE GOAT' FOR BLUNDERS IN VIET NAM"

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NEW YORK, OCT. 9. -- ALLEN W. DULLES, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, CHARGED TODAY THAT THE NATION'S MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR SPY APPARATUS IS BEING MADE "THE GOAT" FOR AMERICAN BLUNDERING IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

"OCCASIONALLY THE CIA HAS TO BE THE GOAT," HE SAID, "IT LOOKS LIKE IT HAS TO BE THE GOAT AGAIN.

"STILL -- IT MAY BE BETTER FOR THE CIA TO BE TARRED IN THE VIETNAMESE MESS THAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE."

DULLES MADE HIS STATEMENTS IN A PERSONAL INTERVIEW AT HIS SUITE IN THE MAYFAIR HOUSE IN NEW YORK.

SPEAKING RAPIDLY AND BLUNTLY, HE ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS IN DEFENDING THE CONTROVERSIAL AGENCY HE HEADED FROM 1953 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT JUST TWO YEARS AGO AT THE AGE OF 68:

-- ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN THE CIA, THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND MILITARY LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN SOUTH VIET NAM HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE LACK OF A CLEAR-CUT OPERATIONAL POLICY IN WASHINGTON.

-- WHAT IS NEEDED IN SAIGON AND WASHINGTON BOTH IS "MORE COOPERATION AND LESS BACKBITING BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. AGENCIES CONCERNED."

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-- IT IS "NONSENSE" TO REFER TO THE CIA AS A NEW THIRD FORCE IN THE GOVERNMENT WHICH SPENDS BILLIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS OWN SECRET POLICIES AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO NO ONE, AS ALLEGED BY ITS FOES.

-- NO OPERATIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE EVER HAVE BEEN MOUNTED BY THE CIA WITHOUT WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL AND THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A CASE WHERE THE AGENCY HAS FAILED TO GO ALONG WITH WHITE HOUSE POLICY TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY.

DULLES, HIS BLUE EYES OCCASIONALLY HINTING AT A CONTROLLED INDIGNATION, STABBED HIS POINTS HOME WITH THE STEM OF HIS PIPE.

HE REFERRED FREQUENTLY TO HIS NEW BOOK, "THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE," PUBLISHED THIS WEEK BY HARPER & ROW, IN WHICH THE BROTHER OF THE LATE SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES SUMS UP HIS UNIQUE CAREER AS AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER, DIPLOMAT AND, FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS, AS THE NATION'S ESPIONAGE CHIEF.

"I WILL NOT DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM IN ANY DETAIL BECAUSE I KNOW NO MORE THAN I READ IN THE PAPERS," HE SAID.

"BUT I HATE TO SEE THE CIA ACCUSED AS A TROUBLE-MAKER AND THE MORALE OF ITS MEMBERS WEAKENED BY SUCH CHARGES AS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AGAINST MR. RICHARDSON IN SAIGON."

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"I DOUBT THAT MR. RICHARDSON REFUSED TO CARRY OUT ORDERS FROM MR. LODGE," DULLES DECLARED FIRMLY. "I DOUBT THAT VERY MUCH. WHAT I DO BELIEVE IS THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ANY NEW PERSONNEL HE MAY WANT.

"THE SITUATION IN VIET NAM IS VERY DIFFICULT. THERE IS A CIVIL WAR GOING ON. THE GOVERNMENT THERE IS UNSTABLE AND UNPREDICTABLE. BUT IT IS WRONG TO ACCUSE THE CIA OR ITS OFFICIALS OF TRYING TO MAKE POLICY.

"THE CIA DOES NOT MAKE POLICY. IT IS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. ONCE THEY MAKE A POLICY, IT IS THE POLICY FOR EVERYBODY AND THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A CASE WHERE THE CIA HAS FAILED TO GO ALONG TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY.

"IN VIET NAM, THE TROUBLE IS THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A CLEAR-CUT POLICY FOR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING SITUATION."

ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT U.S. OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES IN VIET NAM WERE DIVIDED ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM SHOULD BE OVERTHROWN IN FAVOR OF ONE MORE POSITIVELY ANTI-COMMUNISTIC, DULLES SAID:

"IT'S THE OLD STORY. YOU CAN'T SWAP HORSES IN MID-STREAM. WE CAN'T RUN THE GOVERNMENT IN VIET NAM. WE ARE THERE AS ADVISERS.

"THERE ARE LOTS OF GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD THAT ARE NOT ALL WE WISH THEM TO BE -- ALL OVER LATIN AMERICA, FOR INSTANCE. THE DANGER IN OVERTHROWING THEM IS THAT MANY MIGHT TURN COMMUNIST.

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"THE IDEA THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN BE OK SHOULD TRY TO BE A KING MAKER ALL OVER THE WORLD IS FANTASTIC. WE CAN'T DO THAT."

RETURNING AGAIN TO CRITICISM LEVELLED AGAINST THE CIA BY THOSE WHO VIEW IT AS ESSENTIALLY UN-AMERICAN AND A THREAT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES, DULLES DECLARED:

"THE CIA IS NOT A SECRET, UNCONTROLLED, FREE-WHEELING ORGANIZATION. THAT'S NOT TRUE, AND I DON'T BELIEVE AT ALL THAT THE CIA IS CONTRARY TO OUR DEMOCRACY.

"THE CIA WAS ESTABLISHED BY LAW, BY CONGRESS, UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947. IT WAS SET UP ENTIRELY BY DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. OVER THE YEARS ITS MEMBERS HAVE ALL WORKED UNDER THE LAW.

"THE PRIME FUNCTION OF THE CIA IS TO GATHER FACTS, INTELLIGENCE, ON WHICH POLICY NATURALLY IS LARGELY BASED. BUT IT IS NONSENSE TO SAY THE CIA MAKES THE POLICY OR ACTS ON ITS OWN CONVICTIONS.

"POLICY IS DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER THE CIA REPORTS OF ITS FINDINGS ARE STUDIED BY THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD AND THE BOARD SUBMITS ITS OWN ESTIMATES TO HIM. THE CIA IS ON THE BOARD, BUT SO IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FBI, AMONG OTHERS.

"INCIDENTALLY -- ALL REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY -- THE CIA WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FBI IN DOMESTIC SECURITY AFFAIRS. I HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER. OUR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT. HE HAS A VERY FINE, HIGHLY COMPETENT GROUP OF MEN."

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